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Not another task force

Last week, Universiti Utara Malaysia Political and International Studies senior lecturer, Md Shukri Shuib, said the government should establish a special information task force to counter the negative perception of Umno and Barisan National leaders being spread by the opposition.

Md Shukri explained that nearly 94% of social media outlets were anti-government, which could explain their negative slant on Umno and BN.

But do we really need a new task force to make Umno and BN leaders look good in the eyes of the rakyat?

Md Shukri, Umno and BN leaders should realise that the rakyat do not mindlessly believe whatever is said on social media.

Instead of setting up such a task force, these leaders should go to the ground and spend more time with the rakyat (whom they are supposed to represent) to hear their grouses in these trying times.

The money meant for the task force could be put to better use. Politicians these days are detached from the rakyat and do not seem to understand their difficulties or feel their hardship.

If the government steps up efforts to plug all the leakages reported by the auditor-general in the annual report, our lives would be much better.

Instead of setting up a task force to improve public perception of government leaders, why not do what is good for the rakyat to regain their confidence?